

ARE YOU LISTENING?

Many individuals have felt God calling them into some form of Christian service.

Some serve Christ as youth leaders, others as musicians, and still others as pastors.

Some are ordained as deacons, serving the church within the community.

Others are ordained as elders, serving the church in various settings.

The Committee on Enlistment and Interpretation, part of the Board of Ordained Ministry, wants to help you recognize, discern, and consider God's call.



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

If you feel God may be calling you to some form of ministry, talk to your pastor. Pastors have resources available to help you in the process of discerning God's Call. One such tool is the book called, "The Christian as Minister." Discerning God's call is, for many, a confusing time. Numerous individuals throughout the conference are available to listen and help you during this time. Contact your pastor or the Enlistment and Interpretation Committee for a list of available individuals.

Discovery Place Resource Center, located at the conference office in Mechanicsburg, also has resources to help you discern God's call. You can browse their resources at www.discovery-place.org



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THEN
SAMUEL SAID,
"SPEAK, FOR
YOUR SERVANT
IS LISTENING."

1 SAMUEL 3:10 NIV

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE

One of the most important roles of the Enlistment and Interpretation Committee (a committee of the Susquehanna Conference Board of Ordained Ministry) is to assist individuals who may be considering a call into some form of ministry. Two events each year have become an avenue through which individuals can discern God's call in their lives: The God's Calling Event (for older youth and young adults) and the Adult God's Calling Event. The E&I Team provides other avenues to assist individuals as they discern their calling, such as the Ministry Internship, God's Calling Counselor, and scholarship opportunities.

MINISTRY INTERN

Each year the Susquehanna Conference, through the work of the Enlistment and Interpretation Committee, offers at least two internships in local churches. The focus of the internship is determined by the mentoring pastor and the intern. The ministry intern is expected to be engaged in ministry for approximately 10-12 hours per week during the weeks that school is in session. In return for 10-12 hours of ministry each week of the academic year, \$5,000 will be paid directly to the student's college or university as a scholarship grant.

GOD'S CALL CAMP COUNSELOR

In this position, the counselor acts as a liaison between the Board of Ordained Ministry (specifically, the E & I Committee and the Susquehanna Conference camping program. The counselor will target some of the conference camps geared toward junior and senior high youth at each of the campsites, and work under the direction of the camp dean and the week-to-week camp staff to introduce campers to consider where God may be leading them. This can be done in a variety of ways, depending upon the opportunities provided by the camp dean. Counselors will be paid a weekly stipend of \$300 per week in salary, with no personal expense for room and board at each camp. In addition to the salary, business travel miles will be reimbursed per current IRS rate at the end of the summer upon submission of a travel log.

THOMAS K. CARTWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors the memory of Rev. Dr. Thomas K. Cartwright, a Central Pennsylvania Conference pastor who contributed substantially to the conference and the whole church through his study of, and passion for, creating a culture of the call among young people. This scholarship has been established to support young adults as they respond to God's call to the ordained ministry.

Applicants must be certified candidates for ministry with the Susquehanna Conference and currently enrolled or accepted into college or seminary AND under the age of 35 years as of December 31 of that same year.

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EXPLORATION EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

A gathering for young people (high-school seniors through age 24) considering ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. This event is sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. The SUS Board of Ordained Ministry has offered a limited number of scholarships through the E&I Committee to assist individuals from the Susquehanna Conference to attend this conference.

ADULT GOD'S CALLING EVENT

If you are an adult over the age of 25 question-



STUDENT AID FUND

Funding may be available to assist you with your education.

Contact

Rev. Dr. Ronald S. McElwee
711 Tristan Trail
Chambersburg, PA 17201

ing whether you are being called into ordained ministry, you are invited to the God's Calling Event for Adults. This annual event held each August provides information on the ordained ministries and certified lay ministries through the United Methodist Church. This is an exciting opportunity for those discerning a call to ministry. Sponsored by the Enlistment and Interpretation Committee.

GOD'S CALLING: LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART

God's Calling: Listen with Your Heart is a weekend offered for high school juniors and seniors and College-age youth wanting to explore their calling, especially in the ordained and certified lay ministries of the United Methodist Church. This weekend event held in January offers participants time to listen, reflect, meet others on the journey, explore the call, hear inspiring speakers, join in uplifting worship, embrace their call, and step out in faith. This is also an opportunity for youth leaders to acquire tools as they help their youth discern their call to ministry.

"CONFERENCE CALL"

Pastors and youth leaders may be interested in the curriculum "Conference Call" materials, developed specifically for youth to help them better understand God's call and the discernment process. For more information or to order this curriculum, contact Teryl Cartwright at tcrtwr@comcast.net

ENLISTMENT AND INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or if you wish to speak to someone about your call, please contact Carol Diffenbaugh. She will be happy to assist you and direct you to someone from the Enlistment and Interpretation Team in your area. We have many resources we can send you about education, student loans, and the steps into ministry, as well as pamphlets for youth who are considering God's call.

For more information, contact
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RESOURCES TO EXPLORE YOUR CALL

can be found at the following United Methodist Web sites:

- www.explorecalling.org
- www.isgodcallingyou.org
- http://www.gbhem.org/site/c.IsKSL3POLvF/b.5048519/k.EDBA/Ordained_Ministry_in_The_United_Methodist_Church.htm
- www.susumc.org (link onto leadership and Board of Ordained Ministry)
- Also view an interview by Jerry Wolgemuth with God's Calling Event participants at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ud3Y8kdYr98>

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU LISTEN FOR GOD'S CALL